

2006 Legislative Session Clean Indiana Energy II

In the 2005 legislative session, our Clean Indiana Energy bill rapidly advanced Indiana's standing as a leader in new fuel technology. Currently six ethanol plants have broken ground in Indiana with another 18 on the drawing board. This is a growing industry. Other states are starting to see the benefits of investing in alternative fuels, which is why I am authoring Clean Indiana Energy II, Senate Bill 353, this session to insure Indiana remains a leader in new fuel technology.

SB 353 establishes a \$50 million tax credit, up from \$20 million, for new ethanol and/or biodiesel production facilities. Ethanol production plants cost around \$79 million and upward to build, and they don't receive the tax breaks until they are making a profit in our state.

Ethanol and biodiesel production has a very positive impact on Indiana farmers. Indiana is the fifth largest state for corn production and fourth largest in soy-

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beans. These are the two key dynamics associated with ethanol/biodiesel production. Currently, Indiana sends almost 50 percent of corn and soybean productions out of state with no values added, which is the least profitable form of sale for farmers. It is estimated that farmers contracting with ethanol or biodiesel plants will gain an incremental 5 cents to 10 cents per bushel.

SB 353 also establishes a "retail tax credit" of 10 cents per gallon up to a maximum of \$2 million over the next two years of E85 fuel sold to consumers. If retailers reach the maximum of the \$2 million credit, then Indiana will have sold over 20 million gallons of E85 in two years. This is a great incentive for retailers to encourage consumers to purchase E85 fuels.

Indiana is leading the nation with the most number of E85 fueling stations. Our goal is to double our current numbers to have 40 E85 fueling stations in the state of Indiana at the end of 2006.

SB 353 also extends the current B20 retail tax credit through 2010 and requires the Indiana Economic Development Corporation to work with GPS software companies to include E85 fueling stations on GPS software.

With this amazing progress in such a short time, I am very encouraged that these proposals can only take us further. I am very proud of the fact that Indiana is leading the nation in this area and this legislation will only add to our advantage. The passage of SB 353 would be great news for our environment and our economy.



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MAJOR MOVES

Key to Funding the Hoosier Heartland Industrial Corridor

Governor Daniels recently announced that Statewide Mobility Partners (SMP) has submitted a \$3.85 billion winning bid to upgrade and privately operate the toll road. This is more than three times the amount Indiana could generate itself from upgrading the toll road and will close the \$2.8 billion transportation funding gap.

Indiana is known as "The Crossroads of America." Our state is in a position to become the logistics and distribution capital of the nation, but our roads and infrastructure are not up to par. The Daniels administration has estimated that passage of the

Major Moves proposal could lead to thousands of new jobs. The improved highway system will also make Indiana more attractive to new business.

Some facts about Major Moves:

- Indiana maintains ownership throughout the life of this lease at all times.
 - Statewide Mobility
- Partners (SMP), the Macquarie Infrastructure Group (MIG) of Australia and Cintra Concessions de Infrastructures de Transporte, S.A. (Cintra) of Spain, submitted the winning bid. This entity operates more than 30 toll roads on five continents. Among its projects are the Chicago Skyway (\$ 1.83 billion lease in 2004).
- The bid amount is \$3.85 billion. The length of the lease is 75 years. In exchange for this payment, SMP would receive the right to collect the tolls during the lease period.
- In addition to its bid amount, SMP will make capitol improvements estimated at more than \$4.4 billion over the term of the lease, including more than \$200 million in the next three years alone.
- The capital plan includes electronic tolling, a new state police post and equipment, as well as needed upgrades to the Toll Road itself.
- The \$ 3.85 billion bid is more than three times the amount the state could generate itself from the Toll Road. According to OMB calculations, the value of the state to operate is \$ 1.2 billion to \$ 1.4 billion for the next 75 years.
- Among the high -profile transportation projects that will be completed with Major Moves are:

- o The Hoosier Heartland Highway
- o Fort to Port (linking Indiana to the ports of Toledo)
- o Two Ohio River Bridges (near Louisville)
- o US 31 upgrade
- o I-69 between Evansville and Indianapolis
- o Modernizing the Indiana Toll Road Corridor
- o More than 200 other state transportation projects



Map of the Indiana Toll Road

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1-800-743-3333

Federal Information Center — 1-800-688-9889

Indiana House of Representatives — 1-800-382-9841

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